COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INQUIRY INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEAVERAGED RATES FOR UNBUNDLED **NEWTWORK ELEMENTS**

ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 382

NOTICE OF RECUSAL

Prior to my appointment as Commissioner, I served as Vice President of External Affairs for ALLTEL Communications and its Kentucky affiliates. While I terminated all

relationships with these entities, including any financial interests I may have previously

held, before being appointed as Commissioner, an appearance of a conflict may exist if

I immediately become involved in matters regarding these entities. Although I am

unaware of any law that expressly prohibits my participation in or requires my

abstention from this proceeding, I am of the opinion that my abstention will help to

uphold the public confidence in the independence and integrity of the Commission.

Therefore, I hereby recuse myself from any participation in the above-styled proceeding.

W. Gregory Coker Commissioner

Public Service Commission

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DATED: __August 19, 2004__

cc: Parties of Record